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THE EXCURSIONISTS WILL LEAVE BUFFALO, DETROIT, CHICAGO, ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS.

The date for the excursion from different American cities to Rat Portage has been definitely settled, and the railroads are extensively advertising the trip to the gold fields. The excursion will leave Buffalo May 14; Detroit May 14; Chicago May 15; and St. Paul and Minneapolis May 16. St. Paul will be the uniting point and there will be no change of cars between that city and Rat Portage. The return fare from St. Paul will be $15.55; from Chicago [illegible] from Detroit, $41.95; from [illegible] $46.95 and return fares are given [illegible] intermediate points at correspondingly low rates which amount to about $2.60 above single [illegible] pushing the [illegible] advertising, and [illegible]. They [illegible] surrounding country [illegible] Western Ontario [illegible]

[illegible] getting [illegible] excursion [illegible] Mr. N. C. [illegible] was among [illegible] Chicago and St. [illegible] an invaluable aid [illegible]. A number of the [illegible]. The American cities [illegible] have signified their intention of taking this holiday and seeing for themselves the resources of this comparatively unknown district. They have been watching the yearly increase of our gold production, and are now anxious to see the country for themselves and to judge of its permanency [illegible] production.

We believe [illegible] over the district [illegible] their wonder [illegible]

value with depth. A line cutting across HP267, HW594, 595 and 616, SV279 and 138SY, will show roughly the course of the reef for a portion of its length.

Big assays, it must be remembered, do not show that the whole body will mill at that figure, and a reef like this that carried five or six dollars to the ton would be the most profitable thing on the American continent.

Lord Roberts and Cronje.

One of the most interesting things of the day is the British-Boer war in South Africa.

The Warwick Co., of England, have gone to an enormous expense in securing views of this war, and claim to have the only and genuine on this subject in Canada today.

Some of the most interesting are the Canadian contingent marching about 1,000 strong; the passing of an armored train as the Fighting Fifth Northumberland are digging trenches at the Modder river; the Gordon Highlanders leaving Cape Colony for the front; Boer supply train arriving at Joubert's laager; President Kruger leaving his residence at Pretoria and a score of others.

The Warwick company give three of their interesting entertainments in the Hilliard opera house next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 26, 27 and 28. Those who fail to see these performances will miss a treat.

Methodist Social.

Tuesday evening the Auxiliary Women's Missionary society of the Methodist church gave an entertainment which was largely attended. The following program was rendered after some remarks from the chairman, Rev. Mr. Stacey; Instrumental, Mr. Carpenter; recitation, Miss Chadwick; reading, Miss Jones; solos by Mesdames Barnes and Gunne, and Mr. Carpenter; speech, Mr. Nairn, and closing remarks by Mr. Stacey. Then refreshments were served for the inner man, and a [illegible] was spent [illegible]. We [illegible] the decorations of [illegible] were so nicely [illegible]

Canada and Her Guns

The New York Sun [illegible] has never been able to get news from Canada that astonishes Canadians [illegible] a despatch from Quebec pointing out that this country is almost defenseless owing to the drain of men and guns caused by the Boer war. We are represented as now [illegible] utterly helpless we are at the present moment with all our best soldiers and guns away.

THE YEARLY OUTPUT

Of Western Ontario Compared With That of Cripple Creek.

A SIMILARITY IN PROGRESSIVENESS

WILL THE MINES OF ONTARIO EXCEED THE RATIO MADE BY THE CRIPPLE CREEK DISTRICT.

The striking similarity in the increased yearly output of the Cripple Creek district of Colorado, in the early years of its development, as compared with that now being made by Western Ontario, has frequently caused comment and has led many to the conclusion that Western Ontario will exceed Cripple Creek in relative increase. In a few short years Colorado has become the leading gold producing state of the American union, and we believe it will not be long till Ontario is the leading gold producing province of the Dominion, and possibly exceed that of any of the States to the South.

The following statistics in regard to the Cripple Creek district will be of interest: In 1891, $200,000 in gold were taken out of these new Western mines; in 1892 they yielded [illegible]; in '93 the production was $2,[illegible]; in '94 it reached $4,000,000; in '95, $8,[illegible]; in '96, $10,[illegible]; in '97, $12,[illegible]; in '98, $15,[illegible], and in '99, last year, the output reached the enormous sum of $20,[illegible]. The indications at present are that the yield of 1900 will be far in excess of any previous year since the discovery of gold in Cripple Creek.

This steady increase has not alone been caused by the discovery of new deposits of great richness, but also because of the development of metallurgical science which has in a sense created the gold, because it has made possible the recovery of the metal from the low-grade ores of Colorado, which could not otherwise have been profitably worked. In Colorado they have few properties of great richness but the [illegible] producers are what are

than I supposed it to be before making a visit to the mine. The new railroad is coming in and with it will come a large amount of capital. Active development operations are going forward and the erection of stamp mills will soon make this camp one of the best gold producers in Canada. There is talk of erecting at least 400 more stamps the coming summer.

"At Sturgeon Falls an English syndicate with $300,000 in the treasury are developing the Mayflower under the direction of Major A. W. B. White'y. Machinery has been purchased for this property and is now being installed. This syndicate has 3,000 acres in the vicinity of Sturgeon Falls, and they propose to open up several properties, develop a water power and build an electric railway to transport the ore to one big mill. They talk of anywhere from 100 to 200 stamps on the property.

"I looked over the various mining properties that are in operation, and I consider that they are all in a pretty healthy condition. Already things are pretty lively around Mine Centre.

Oddfellows' Ball.

Monday night the Oddfellows' hall was tastefully decorated in national colors for the patriotic ball given under the auspices of the Gold Hill Lodge No. 201, I.O.O.F. A. Schragge was floor manager. The carpet was covered with canvas so that it made the dancing more agreeable. Nickless' orchestra furnished the music for the program, which was a good length. Refreshments were served at about 12 and included ice cream, the first of the season. During the interval for refreshments Mr. Schragge turned his phonograph loose on the crowd, who seemed to enjoy it very much. The dancing was continued till [illegible] when all were sorry that nature demanded rest. All present report a very enjoyable time [illegible] the Oddfellows [illegible]. The proceeds were [illegible] the [illegible] Patriotic Fund.

The general committee was [illegible] H. [illegible], A. H. [illegible], J. A. [illegible], J. L. Turner, Jos. Scott, H. Marshall and J. Werner. The reception committee was N. Schragge, F. A. Hudson and J. Werner.

The Big Homestake.

The tenders for 100 feet of sinking on the Homestake property will be opened in St. Paul on the 21st inst., and work will be commenced just as soon as it is possible to get out to the property. The company is in excellent shape financially, and the work of development will be vigorously pushed. They still have a limited number of shares for sale at their 15c issue. After these are all disposed of the price will be raised to 25c or more. Prominent

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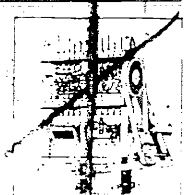

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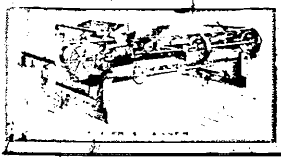

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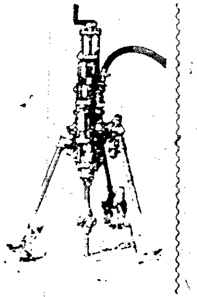

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mentioned have signified their intention of taking this holiday and seeing for themselves the resources of this comparatively unknown district. They have been watching the yearly increase of our gold production, and are now anxious to see the country for themselves and to judge of its permanancy as a gold producer.

We believe when they go over the district, and see some of our wonderful deposits, and visit a couple of the producing mines that they will go away convinced that we have the most wonderful undeveloped resources on the American continent, and when they realize that the district can be reached by palace cars they will wonder that they never thought of visiting the district before.

The preliminary work of the excursion is completed, and that by individdal effort. It will now be in order for the people of Rat Portage, the Board of Trade, the town council and others, to make an effort and see that the excursionists are properly intertained while in the district. It will mean that if these people have the opportunity of seeing our resources for themselves that a large amount of money will be forthcoming for the devopment of different properties, and consequently benefit the district as a whole and Rat Portage in particular.

Values on the Glass Reef.

The Wabigoon Star, replying to a correspondent, who wished to know the average values of the Glass Reef, has the following to say regarding the property:

The question is not easy to answer, as the paystreak has always been taken separately, and one cannot judge accurately how much it would raise the values.

On the surface the assays showed about $4, at 12 feet over $10, at 25 feet $26 and an average assay of all the ore, eliminating the paystreak, at 35 feet gave $31. Later the shafts and drifts have been thoroughly sampled, and the average, eliminating the paystreak, was $16. The bottom of the shaft at 90 feet gave $12. In conjunction with these must be taken the $3,000 assay from ore picked without showing visible gold, and other high ones which may raise the average of the whole reef to $50.

For three miles the reef is all taken up and assays show the whole length of it to be auriferous, and, wherever work is done, the assays increase in

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Mining Properties reported on,

If you are interested in this district and want information write for it.

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MINING BROKER, RAT PORTAGE

The New York Sun, which for years has ever been able to get news from Canada that astonishes Canadians, has a despatch from Quebec pointing out that this country is almost defenseless owing to the drain of men and guns caused by the Boer war. We are represented as now realizing how utterly helpless we are at the present moment with all our best soldiers and guns far away.

The facts supply the answer. Of the six millions of people in Canada about three thousand have gone to the war, carrying with them about a dozen pieces of cannon. If this country is unable to repel an invasion in the absence of these men and guns, it would not be equal to the tast of repelling much of an invasion if they were here. The "leading military authority" who gave his opinion to the Sun correspondent was misleading in his statements. The country is not defenceless now: the country was not equipped for war before sending men and guns to Africa. Canada does not pretend to be a military camp, prepared to meet invasion, yet if this improbable peril should come upon us it is not unlikely that a considerable army could be thrown together with some speed, just as could be done in any Anglo-Saxon country, where every able-bodied man may be relied upon as a volunteer. As for guns, we have probably enough to maintain a preliminary dispute until more could reach us from a ross the pond. At least we are not counting much more upon this expectation now than we were before we sent two batteries to Africa—two batteries that did not make us impregnable and whose withdrawal did not leave us defenseless.—Toronto Star.

A Social Success.

Last Wednesday evening the Odd Fellows' hall was the scene of a very pleasant and enjoyable entertainment, when, after their regular meeting the Knights of the Maccabees were again visited by the Ladies of the Order. The Sir Knights were pleasantly surprised to see the growth in number of the Lady Maccabees. Lady Commander Brydges informed THE MINER that "billie" is kept very busy these days, new members being admitted continually. When all were seated it was seen that 160 lunches were necessary. The program was purely an impromptu one, enlivened by dancing and musical selections which gave everyone a chance of enjoyment. Great credit is due to the ladies for the able way in which they provided for the inner man. Those that deserve special mention were Messrs. Duprie, Blackie, Creighton and Talbot, also the Misses Dorais, who sang two numbers very sweetly. Mr. Creighton rendered two numbers in a very creditable and enjoyable manner. Lady Campbell and Lady Baker each gave a comic reading. Dancing was kept up till about 2 a.m., when all joined in singing "God Save the Queen." To say that all enjoyed themselves exceedingly would be putting it very mildly, and all look forward to the next Maccabee social.

Weekly Hospital Report.

R. Thompson, secretary of the Royal Jubilee hospital, makes the following report for the week ending April 14, 1900:

Under treatment April 7	6
Admitted during week...	1
Discharged during week	1
Deaths during week ...	0

been caused by the discovery of new deposits of great richness, but also because of the development of metallurgical science which has in a sense created the gold, because it has made possible the recovery of the metal from the low-grade ores of Colorado, which could not otherwise have been profitable worked. In Colorado they have a few properties of great richness but the leading producers are what are termed the low-grade properties. In this the similarity with Ontario is also seen. We have possibly more of what are called high-grade properties, but we have also immense deposits of the lower grade ores which will make the great mines of the future.

In 1897 our mines produced $190,214 in gold; in 1898, $275,078; in 1899 $431,-283. This year with a largely increased number of stamps at work the estimated output is placed at $2,000,000; and so we are following in the lead of Cripple Creek but the probability is that with our more extensive and higher grade deposits we will outstrip her when we get to the stage of development now reached in Colorado.

The Proper Medium.

A gentleman who placed a "For Sale" ad. in THE MINER informs us he has been run to death with applicants who wish to purchase. We cite this as an instance. The secretary of a prominent mining company advertising stock for sale writes us that he receives more inquiries from readers of THE MINER than he gets from those of the combined city dailies in which the company carries ads. THE MINER reaches the place you want to get to. So if you want to get there you will have to advertise in THE MINER.

Presentation to Mr. Symmes.

E. Symmes, who has been teller in the Imperial Bank here for some years, was presented by a number of the business men with a well-filled purse on Tuesday previous to his departure for Winnipeg. Seldon has a young man left town with as many good wishes following for his future success as Mr. Symmes. He was universally popular with the business community, and the presentation was but a recognition of his faithfulness to the public in the discharge of his duties. Socially he was a favorite as was also Mrs. Symmes, who will spend a week in town prior to d[illegible]ting for her new home in Winnipeg.

Seine River Items.

Superior Telegr[illegible] Ap[illegible] D. Cooley, of Cooley & Underhill, wh[illegible] connected with the M[illegible] Develment Co., operatin[illegible] prope[illegible] the west sid[illegible] of Bad V[illegible] the Seine river gold distr[illegible] returned from that [illegible] Mr. Cooley, in addition [illegible] prosp[illegible] the property upon which t[illegible] operating, looked over the Olive, Golden Star, Swede Boy, Randolph, Isabella, Golden Crescent, Manhattan, Foley and other properties. He said the Olive and Swede Boy were very similar propositions and spoke very highly of them.

The building of the new railway into Mine Centre, he states, will bring in a large amount of capital and make many of the properties more accessible. Said he:

"The general outlook for the Seine river district is a great deal better

[illegible] property [illegible] opened in St. Paul on the 21st inst and work will be commenced just as soon as it is possible to get out to the property. The company is in excellent shape financially, and the work of development will be vigorously pushed. They still have a limited number of shares for sale of their 15c issue. After these are all disposed of the price will be raised to 25c or more. Prominent St. Paul people have been the principal buyers of this stock, but a good block was also taken by Rat Portage people, who are well acquainted with the property, and who recognize the immense size and value of the deposit.

The Little Bobs.

The publication of the results of assays and the report of Chas. Brent, M. E., on the Little Bobs property created considerable interest. We understand that the 100,000 shares to be issued are practically all applied for. The persons now interested in the property are going about it in the proper way. They are spending their own money to find out if the marvelously rich promises of the surface are likely to be lasting. It looks permanent now, and as soon as they have spent a thousand dollars or two they will they know whether it is good enough to offer their friends.

Feeling that the district has the making of a mining camp the promoters of Little Bobs are doing what they feel is to the best interest of the district, they are going to be sure they are offering something that will in the future make the investing public ready to go in again when they have anything to offer. Confidence is everything, and this confidence the Little Bobs promoters mean to earn.

Big Iron Find.

The veteran prospector, Capt. D. W. Bell, of Wabigoon, has made a big find of valuable iron in the neighborhood of Tache, on the C. P. R. He was recently in St. Paul, and while there succeeded in interesting some St. Paul and Minneapolis men with him through Fred J. Bowman, of St. Paul. It is understood that a deal is now on for the sale of a part of the find to Chicago parties. There are several hundred acres in the tract, the vein being a true fissure, a hundred yards or more wide which yields from 34 to 40 per cent. pure magnetic iron from assays made from surface ore.

Big Master Mine.

The reports coming from the Big Master mine in the Manitou are of a very encouraging n[illegible] Mr. Polson the mine manager, w[illegible] ere last week and had some very [illegible] specimens of [illegible] from the vein, [illegible] quartz being sprinkled with sp[illegible] ts of visible gold. With the ins[illegible] tion of machinery [illegible] resump[illegible] work this spring [illegible] results a[illegible] icipated. The [illegible] the cam[illegible] will be proceed [illegible] at once, all [illegible] square timbers [illegible] essary are now [illegible] property.

The Virginia.

[illegible] Brodhauer, manager of the Virginia mine, was in town this week. He walked in from the mine, a distance of about [illegible] miles, in two days. He has gone east to buy machinery for the property and will have it shipped in as soon as possible after the ice clears away. A year of vigorous work is promised for the Virginia.

A GLOWING REPORT.

Great Possibilities of Northern Ontario Decribed by F. H. Clergue.

THE DIFFICULTIES OF MAKING PULP

ONTARIO RICH IN RESOURCES—OUR MANY OPPORTUNITIES IN FURNITURE.

F. H. Clergue, president and manager of half a dozen very important companies in and about Sault Ste. Marie, delivered an address before the Toronto board of trade last week on the subject: "An Instance of Industrial Evolution in Northern Ontario."

He told of his discovery of the Sault, how a man with money to invest had decided to search for a water power, and with that object in view a company of prospectors had passed along the St. Lawrence, and after careful examination found none of prime importance until we reached Sault Ste. Marie, and there, with Lake Superior for a mill pond and a fall of about 20 feet, there was a plain opportunity for economical and advantageous hydraulic development."

"We began the development of that water power, and having got the water wheels into position we then began to study the natural resources of the region to determine to what uses that power could be profitably put.

"If you go to Algoma you can take up most any water power you find without that study, because so resourceful is that region that, in my opinion, there is not a water power falling down over the hills of Algoma which has not within a reasonable radius enough to occupy all the power now running to waste and employ profitably hundreds and hundreds of thousands of people.

"It is my opinion, after a residence of over five years in Algoma, and the expenditure of already more than five millions of dollars, and having available more than fifteen million dollars more for investment in the same undertakings, it is my opinion—and it must be a pretty good one or it could not be so well backed up—that there is an opportunity for a population in Northern Ontario equal to that of Southern Ontario, equal in number, equal in prosperity, and how it can be

pulpmaking, and we proceeded to construct a pulp mill. We began it on rather a small scale at first. We had not gone along far before we found it cost just as much to run a works of that size practically—except mere labor charges and the additional cost for the raw materials—as a works twice as large.

"So the first step of the evolution was to enlarge the pulp mill from a ground wood pulp mill of 20 tons a day until we have an output of 150 tons of pulp a day, requiring the use daily of about 200 cords of wood."

SOME DIFFICULTIES.

Mr. Clergue described the difficulties of reaching the European market. In buying pulp the papermakers pay for the pulp fibre; but a pulpmaker, under former conditions, had to pay freight on the pulp, which meant that the pulpmaker paid freight on 55 per cent. of the stuff that was not paid for. Besides the material would be injured by exposure and could not be shipped to foreign countries.

"We designed a machine for making pulp marketable, which we thought on paper would answer the purpose. Having had a long training in mechanics myself, I gave the matter my own attention, and after a while succeeded in designing an apparatus which seemed practical, and this design was sent around to the paper-machine makers, and no paper-machine man would build that machine, and it became necessary to build our machine shop. It involved a large drying cylinder and of a different form than had ever been attempted.

"Before we were ready to turn out a single machine we had spent about one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, all for the object of obtaining dry pulp, and then, after all our trouble we got out one of those machines.

"It was six months after before that machine ever turned out a sheet of pulp.

A PROFITABLE MACHINE.

"After a while, correcting this and remedying that, we evolved out of that conception a machine which to-day earns at the mill a profit of one thousand dollars a day more in that one mill than the profit was by the same output by the process formerly in use.

"That is the only mill in the world making pulp in that form, and since I have been in Toronto, I have received, and I have now with me, telegrams from Paris, from England, and telegrams from the United States for orders at our own price, which would more than take the product of that mill for six months if we would accept them.

"So I advised my associates it would be wise to increase our gross earnings.

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Boston Journal.

can see how necessary it is for an industrial enterprise of this character to be in close touch with its raw resources.

"Yes, even as far north as Hudson's bay, there are the most valuable resources. And, gentlemen, what Toronto and what the whole province of Ontario should insist upon and urge, night and day, upon the government, is not to allow a railway to be built in Ontario that does not come down to the lake system. You, gentlemen, and the people of this city and province, should make it physically impossible for any man to devise or build a railway to goes by Toronto. You should have it in that way. Then you would come in for your share of it.

OUR OPPORTUNITY IN FURNITURE.

"When the wood of the forests of that country is brought down here in southern Ontario you will be able to compete with and beat the furniture factories of Grand Rapids and other American centers with the manufactures of your own cities.

"But, gentlemen, I must tell you that, although I am not a person of luxurious tastes, I am still burning fine curly birch in my fireplace at the Sault. Curly birch, in the American market, brings $10 per 1,000 feet. At the Sault, where I have described the use we put it to, it is worth 40c a cord. Why, gentlemen, this is monstrous waste. But, of course, this is a product of that northern country that cannot be got out without railways. Not far from the Sault is the city of Minneapolis. There elm wood, which is required for flour barrels, is worth $25 per 1,000 feet feet, while in northern Ontario the government will give me all I want at 40c a cord.

The wood is up there, but to get it out we must have railways. Tamarac, maple and poplar might be mentioned. And a word about poplar. You know the particular value of that fibre for paper making. It is of peculiar value for wood fibre for paper making; that is, the paper which is used almost universally for wood prints, as it permits of the very best impression with its

Recreation Grounds.

Councillor Edmison Monday by dint of persuasion and use of his knowledge of sanitary laws led the council to take the initiative step in providing a town park on the site now occupied by a large muskeg. This preliminary work which is most essential consists in giving the chairman of the board of works authority to proceed with draining the lot. This work is to be proceeded with immediately as the doctor says that the swamp in its present condition is a menace to the health of the community. When the lot is thoroughly drained it can then be decided what further steps are necessary to make an athletic park and recreation grounds.

FROM PAIN TO HEALTH.

A CHIPPEWA LADY TELLS A STORY OF SUFFERING AND RELEASE.

Suffered From Heart Trouble for Years —Her Misery Further Aggravated by Kidney and Stomach Trouble.

From the Star, St. Catherines, Ont.

In the village of Chippewa, and along the Niagara frontier, there is probably no better known or respected residents than Mr. and Mrs. David Schabel. Both are of German descent and display much of that old fashioned hospitality so often found in the fatherland. To a correspondent of the St. Catherines Star, who recently called at Mr. Schabel's home Mrs. Schabel related the following story: Years ago my physician told me I had heart disease. I have been troubled at intervals with palpitation and severe pains, and sometimes my heart would almost cease to beat. I would become dizzy, restless and frightened. At other times I slept badly and had troublesome dreams. I lingered in this state until last winter when exposure to cold affected my kidneys and completely prostrated me. The spring came, when my complaints were further aggravated by stomach trouble. I loathed food and could realize that I was daily growing weaker. My physician's treatment would sometimes slightly benefit me, then again I was worse than ever. Finally after all hope was apparently gone and a large

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[illegible] of these two [illegible]—are only to be [illegible] "Slater Shoe."

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expenditure of already more than five millions of dollars, and having available more than fifteen million dollars more for investment in the same undertakings, it is my opinion—and it must be a pretty good one or it could not be so well backed up—that there is an opportunity for a population in Northern Ontario equal to that of Southern Ontario, equal in number, equal in prosperity, and how it can be done I shall proceed to elucidate to you.

RAILWAYS REQUIRED.

"My personal judgment is, that not one per cent. of all the forest growth in Ontario is pine, and yet the people of Ontario think their only asset is pine forests. The remainder of the timber, the remainder of the growth, can, step by step and by proper degrees, be reduced to the uses of mankind almost as profitably, and perhaps quite as profitably, as the pine trees themselves. To do this the region must be made accessible. That means railways, which, of course, can be provided.

"On Georgian Bay, as you know, the pine forests still exists in very considerable quantities, and it will be long after the youngest of us are gone that the pine trees of that part of Algoma will be lost and destroyed and used.

"We could not float the pine of the Georgian Bay to our district against the current of the St. Mary River.

"We were bound to look [illegible] the watershed of Lake Superior [illegible] our supplies, and in the study [illegible] region we found that there [illegible] birch, the maple, the [illegible] tamarac, the spruce, the balsam [illegible] the poplar; all of these timbers [illegible] in their present condition, [illegible] most of them inaccessible.

"That we began to gather [illegible]

STRENGTHENS WEAK LUNGS.

Many persons are in a condition to invite Pneumonia or Consumption by reason of inherited tendency or other causes. They catch cold easily and it difficult to get rid of an ordinary cough or cold. We would advise all such people to use Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

It is a wonderful strengthener and healer of the breathing organs and fortifies the lungs against serious pulmonary diseases.

Miss Clara Marshall, Moore, Ont., writes "I have suffered several years with weak lungs and could get no cure, so became discouraged. If I caught cold it was hard to get rid of it. I started using Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, and as a result my cough has been cured and my lungs great strengthened."

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

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making pulp in that form, and since I have been in Toronto, I have received, and I have now with me, telegrams from Paris, from England, and telegrams from the United States for orders at our own price, which would more than take the product of that mill for six months, if we would accept them.

"So I advised my associates it would be wise to increase our gross earnings, our net earnings and increase our labor force and the general opportunities of our works there, by proceeding to produce a more refined and perfect quality of pulp: and, therefore, it was decided that we should appropriate money enough to build a sulphite pulp mill. That was the next step in the evolution."

But sulphite could only be procured in Sicily, and would be brought to the Sault at great expense. Mr. Clergue decided to get it at [illegible], though it was said that it could not be done; but it was done.

"But, having got this sulphite pulp business established and under way, then the question came up whether the residue which was to be left from the ore could not be put to some use. We investigated it, put it through our chemical laboratory, and found that we had left in this residue nickel and iron in a natural state of union so perfect that when smelted and reduced to a metallic product, it [illegible] an alloy of nickel and steel so far superior to anything else which had yet been used that, when offered to Krupp, the great gunmaker in Germany, he made a contract at once for its supply for five years."

Then came a process by which copper and nickel are taken out in a refined form, equal to that in any part of the world and as cheaply.

Alkali was needed, and salt was found at Windsor and Galt and subjected to a process.

Next came chemical works. Chlorine, which was a by-product, was also utilized. Nothing was wasted.

ONTARIO RICH IN RESOURCES.

"Here in Ontario you do not know the extent of your resources. You have more of mineral and chemical value in Ontario than in all of British Columbia and Montana combined. This is my judgment, and if my judgment was not worth something, other people would not give me $20,000,000 to spend here and never look after it. I say that you have an asset there that you do not appreciate. We have found there, as everybody finds, that you cannot get on without a railway. We found that the watershed—you see I have not got through with my evolution yet—of Hudson's bay came down very close to the streams tributary to Lake Superior, which were, therefore, abrupt and rapid, and the region was so rocky as to be very unproductive of timber, and it is a fact that the pulp factory today is drawing wood by rail from North bay. So you [illegible] me all I can cut at 10c a cord.

"The wood is up there, but to get it out we must have railways. Tamarac, maple and poplar might be mentioned. And a word about poplar. You know the particular value of that fibre for paper making. It is of peculiar value for wood fibre for paper making: that is, the paper which is used almost universally for wood prints, as it permits of the very best impression with its soft, velvety character. But in speaking of the need of railways, I have omitted one important stage in our evolution.

THE SUPPLY OF IRON ORE.

In speaking of the iron of the districts, Mr. Clergue said: "We found enough ore not only for our own works, but plenty to supply the New Midland furnace, and we expect to be able to supply the Hamilton furnace at much more advantageous terms than they can get it from any other source. And I expect to see Deseronto using our ore, from so amply a supply; what is more, I look to see a smelting plant erected at the Sault.

STAGGERING UNDER BURDENS.

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Is the Power That Removes Every Load of Disease In Springtime.

It is the World's Most Noted Remedy for Blood Cleansing, Nerve Bracing and Flesh Building.

Now that spring is at hand, the body is ready to cast off unhealthy tissues if it is only given a chance. The great work of renewing and building up health and strength is surely and quickly done by Paine's Celery Compound.

Paine's Celery Compound cleanses and purifies every drop of blood in the body; the excretory organs, kidneys, skin and bowels are made to work actively and the nerves are able to furnish sufficient energy to the digestive organs.

Paine's Celery Compound is the best spring medicine in the world, because it is far more than a mere spring remedy. It brings a healthy appetite, perfect digestion and regularity of the bowels. As the greatest of spring remedies it banishes morbid humors and poisons that cause rheumatism, neuralgia, heart trouble and other dangerous ailments.

For long years physicians have recognized Paine's Celery Compound as the one scientific spring medicine, and it is universally prescribed by them whenever there is urgent need of a vigorous and prompt restoring of health and strength to the wornout system.

Thousands of men and women have found from personal experience that Paine's Celery Compound makes sick people well, and keeps all from sickness who use it in springtime.

other times I slept badly and had troublesome dreams. I lingered in this state until last winter when exposure to cold affected my kidneys and completely prostrated me. The spring came, when my complaints were further aggravated by stomach trouble. I loathed food and could realize that I was daily growing weaker. My physician's treatment would sometimes slightly benefit me, then again I was worse than ever. Finally, after all hope was apparently gone and a large sum of money had been thrown away for medicines that did me no good, a friend strongly advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, two boxes of which were brought me at the beginning of the summer of 1899. I used them and to my joy noticed improvement. I continued the use of the pills faithfully until I had taken eight boxes. I am now able to attend to all my housework, feeling entirely cured. I have never had better health than I am now enjoying, and since discontinuing the pills have had no symptoms of the old complaints. I feel that I am under life long obligations for the benefit I have derived from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and will continue to praise them when opportunity offers."

MADE WITH TANSY.

Dishes That Used to Be Flavored With the Herb.

In old world cookery books we always find recipes for various puddings and fritters made with tansy. From time to time these recipes are quoted in papers devoted to cookery, though it is doubtful whether modern housewives know the use of this plant in any way whatever. Moreover, it is open to question whether the writers of these papers know what manner of delicacy they are recommending to their readers.

For one thing, tansy is extremely bitter; indeed so much so that it used to be eaten as a representative of the bitter herbs which the Israelites were commanded to eat at Passover. It is easy to believe, therefore, that tansy was more used as a tonic or as a mortification to the flesh than a tasty pudding or a more frivolous fritter. Yet in an old cookery book of 1792 we find recipes for both delicacies. But having mixed such good things together as milk, bread crumbs, ratafia essence, lemon, eggs and butter it must have been a grief to spoil them by adding as much "tansy juice as would give it a flavor." A wine sauce, moreover, was to be served with the fritters after cooking them in boiling lard. The spinach juice, to make the fritters green, might also well have been omitted. But then, however, they would not have been tansy fritters.

Tasty pudding was made with Naples biscuits, cream, eggs and a little sugar, a few tansy leaves and spinach to make it green. The mixture was stirred over the fire till thick, then put in a cloth, floured and buttered, boiled three-quarters of an hour and served with wine sauce.

The tansy is a plant which grows two or three feet high, with dark green, feathery foliage and neat buttonlike flowers of bright yellow color. Every part of it is bitter and aromatic and is used in medicine "and good for the stomacke," as an old writer says.

It is said to be good for the gout, also that if meat be rubbed with tansy wandering bluebottles will strictly avoid it. This might be useful, but what about the meat? Would cooking obliterate the bitter flavor? It is possible that we might have to sympathize with the bluebottle. A garden variety is smaller in stature and has very much crisper foliage. It is quite hardy and will grow in any soil.—Chicago News.

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TRANSVAAL MINES.

As Compared With the Great Prospects of Western Ontario.

WE HAVE MANY ADVANTAGES HERE.

INTERESTING COMPARISONS MADE BY F. H. MALCOLM, LATE OF SOUTH AFRICA.

In our issue of March 30 we published some extracts from an address given by Mr. F. H. Malcolm, late president of the Johannesburg Diamond Boring and Developing Co., Limited, to the members of the Central Canada Chamber of Mines. Owing to the great demand for copies of that issue, which long since ran out, we decided to publish this synopsis of the address again, in order that the widest publicity may be given to it. We therefore think that no apology is due our readers for this repetition. Mr. Malcolm's investigations were most searching, spending some months in this district and going thoroughly into all the available statistics of the mines now working. He is an expert on mining subjects and having had wide experience in South Africa, the following comparisons are of interest:

"It will be noted that Transvaal ores are low grade, averaging only 6½ dwts. [illegible] over the plates, in value slightly over $6 per ton. The mines are deep, averaging 2,500 feet, some [illegible] 4,000 feet, before the reef is reached. Water is also scarce.

"The cost of constructing these [illegible] averages about $500,000. [illegible] sinking and equipping a shaft to [illegible] depth about $250,000, or £50,000 [illegible] has to be spent before they are on the same basis as a Canadian [illegible] when the first pick is put into the ground.

"The Transvaal reefs average 10 feet in thickness. In Canada a [illegible] reef is 4 feet, but many [illegible] up to 15 feet. An average [illegible] from mines now working [illegible] $11 to the ton, some giving much higher results. Large outcrops [illegible] returning $5 per ton and upwards are common in Ontario which [illegible] be worked as quarries. The cost of mining and milling the latter with modern appliances, as on the Rand, should not exceed $1.50 per ton. [illegible] is considerably higher in [illegible] averaging for white labor $6

ery, why the central Canadian gold mines should not soon be included among the most productive in the world.

"As outside issues and enterprises emenating from the Johannesburg Chamber of Mines are the railways and telegraphs. No less than five lines of railway converge on Johannesburg, all built during the last six years, the cost of which is about equal to the entire Canadian Pacific railway system, and a line of telegraph is now being built right through Africa from Cape to Cairo.

"Johannesburg, at the time of establishing its Chamber of Mines, was much in the same condition as the mining districts of central Canada are today, their very existence being unknown in Europe and necessarily, therefore, without capital. That city was centered in the heart of the South African continent, and being without either railway or telegraphic communication, 1400 miles by road from Cape Town, was quite unknown to the rest of the world. It has achieved its fame throughout the world entirely through the reliable information and propaganda of its Chamber of Mines, and now there is scarcely a newspaper in the whole world, in any language, that does not publish its telegraphed information of the progressive monthly output of gold.

"Compare these results with the mines of Canada and the United States of America, which in consequence of no such institution being hitherto in existence, not a single American or Canadian mine has yet been listed or recognized on the stock exchanges of Europe.

"In order to rectify this anomaly the Central Canada Chamber of Mines has been organized, for there is no doubt whatever that the mines of Central Canada are greatly superior to any yet known in South Africa, both in extent, size of ore body and grade of ore. The conditions and facilities for economical working are greatly in favor of Canada, both in respect to cost of labor, abundance of water power, cheapness of provisions, accessibility through regular railway communication in all directions, and the important fact that the reefs are payable almost from the surface as has been abundantly proved by the few mines now working at the Lake of the Woods and other centers, where with the most primitive appliances highly encouraging results are even now being achieved.

"The total white population of South Africa never exceeded 500,000 persons, the gold fields being distant and difficult of access. Compare this with the central position of Canada, with probably 80,000,000 people on the American continent south of us, and about 350,000,000 in Europe, all within 10 days' reach of the central Canadian

GRIPPE'S LEGACY.

Shattered Nerves AND Weakened System.

A Montreal Gentleman Tells About It.

Mr. F. J. Brophy, a well-known employee in the money-order department at the general post office in Montreal, tells about his case as follows:

"I had a very severe attack of La Grippe, which left me all run down, very nervous, without appetite, and extremely weak. Very often I could not sleep at night, and I was much troubled with profuse perspiration, which naturally caused me much annoyance. Learning of the good effects of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, I began taking them, and much to my gratification they have braced me up, invigorated my entire system, and made me feel like a new man. I am now all O.K. and highly recommend these pills to any one suffering as I did."

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills cure palpitation, nervousness, sleeplessness, weakness, anæmia and general debility.

A Poem.

Old "James" he comes from the United States,
His good old stories he oft relates;
He may be called an old pro-Boer,
But he never repeats it any more.
His blood is blue, which is no crime
Blood's thicker than water every time;
He tells great stories of mines and such things.
And in his glory he often sings:
He seems to do just what he ought,
And becomes a Canadian patriot.
Your motto, James, is same as ours,
Protect the flag against all powers,
With Stars and Stripes and Union Jack unfurled,
We'd take a stand and lick the world.
But to save our country and gain all peace
Limber your guns—put on axle grease;
Fire your shots and aim them well,
And drive the Boers straight down to h——l.

God bless [illegible] Canadian boys,
Their [illegible] their hearts and joys;
Who for [illegible] y's home to stay
Are buried in an unknown grave;
Their life and blood they freely give,
That our great Em[illegible]

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A Generous Offender.

Lispy Leggett: Aw! Can it be? It

Great Britain can not only draw a volunteer army from colonies scattered all over the world, but, a volunteer army composed of men of nearly every race and color in the world, speaking a variety of languages. Premier Seddon stated in his speech that the Maori chiefs had great trouble with the young Maoris, over 2,000 of whom were chafing, and could not understand why they were not equipped and allowed to go to the war. He said that they were the equals of any Boer who ever trekked or pulled a trigger.

If put to the necessity the British empire could concentrate on the mainland of Europe an army immense in numbers and unparralleled in enthusiasm. The big events of the present time are bringing this fact into the foreground for the consideration of mankind, where its influence cannot fail to make for peace.

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UNDER power of sale contained in a certain mortgage which will be produced at the time of sale there will be sold by public auction at the Hilliard House, in the Town of Rat Portage, by Howard Barnes, Auctioneer, on **Tuesday, the Eighth Day of May, A.D., 1900,** at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, the following valuable dwelling property, namely:

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Upon the said premises is erected two frame dwelling houses, each about 18 feet by 22 feet, with additions 10x18 feet, said to be in good repair. The lot is 50 feet by 150 feet, and is suitably situated near the C.P.R. station.

Term 10 per cent. of purchase money at the time of sale and the balance in 30 days thereafter.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to ALLAN McLENNAN, Esq.
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Solicitor for the Vendors.

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Homestake Gold Mining Co. of Ontario, Limited.

This Company hereby calls for tenders, at so much per foot, for sinking a shaft, 100 ft. deep, with collar of squared timber and such other timbering as may be necessary. Size of shaft 8x12 or 7x10. Tenders will be made for either size, the work to be done on mining locations J.C.102 and J.C.10[illegible], otherwise known as the Homestake gold mine, situated on Ptarmigan bay of Lake of the Woods, 18 miles south west of Rat Portage, Ontario.

Said work to be done under the direction and supervision of the general manager or consulting engineer of the Company.

The person, or persons, receiving this contract is expected to provide his own accommodation, supplies, tools and explosives and to meet all expenses incidental or otherwise in the performance of this contract.

Ontario Gold

The Great Mikado Mine

This mine cleared up $14,500 in gold bullion for the month of March.

The stock of this company is all owned in London and it is claimed will pay 70 per cent. this year.

The Great 'Homestake' of Ontario

Is in the same rich locality.

Free-milling ore requires the cheapest process for the reduction and extraction of the yellow stuff.

The Alaska-Treadwell mines this kind of ore, and in December they treated 27,092 tons of ore that only averaged $1.95 per ton in value; their expenses for mining and milling were $1.20 per ton, leaving only 75 cents per ton as profit, yet they made nearly $20,000.

We can double the cost of treatment and still have five times as much profit, for our values run from $6 to $8.75 per ton, and we have millions of tons to work on.

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We challenge only your reason when we ask you to consider the possibilities of this great property and to compare it with other well known mines working ore of similar character.

Five thousand shares of Alaska-Treadwell from ore averaging about half the value of ours, earns $625 per month, while the Great Homestake of South Dakota would pay on that number of shares $2,500 per month; their ore has never reached $5

above results don't you think we are safe in claiming that FIVE THOUSAND SHARES OF OUR GREAT HOMESTAKE MINE will insure the holder an income of $100 per month?

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We are offering a few thousand shares of this stock at fifteen cents per share, three cents per share cash with the order and two cents per share per month until paid; these shares are fully paid and non-assessable.

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"Transvaal mines are highly capitalized, but not more than 20 per cent. of nominal capital has been provided in cash as working capital, yet, notwithstanding this, the dividends are large. The dividends are paid also on the vendors' shares, which equal about 80 per cent. of the whole nominal capitalization.

"Both Transvaal and Central Canadian ores are free milling, and these remarks apply to over plate yields in both cases, for the reason [illegible] Canadian mines are equipped [illegible] dern cyanide or other process[illegible] of residues from tailings, slimes, etc., which would probably increase yields about 35 per cent. [illegible] Transvaal.

[illegible] mill batteries in Canada have [illegible] eight stamps. In Africa the weight of the stamp is 1,250 [illegible] 900 lbs in Canada, and [illegible] appliances compared [illegible] the [illegible] the advantage [illegible] [illegible] 10 per cent. increase of [illegible]

[illegible] Johannesburg Chamber of [illegible] been established only nine [illegible] was introduced during that [illegible] period about twelve hundred [illegible] millions of dollars of capital [illegible] invested in the mining industry [illegible] region, and supplies of capital [illegible] forthcoming for new enterprises. The reason of this being the confidence reposed by Europe[illegible] integrity of the [illegible] ation which [illegible] statistical [illegible] known and [illegible] the prime [illegible] [illegible] Johannesburg [illegible] mileage long by [illegible] miles [illegible] western Canada the Lake [illegible] gold [illegible] one [illegible] miles [illegible] any other prom[illegible] areas, such as on the shore [illegible] Manitoba, Winnipeg, Port [illegible] and taking all these facts [illegible] consideration and comparing the [illegible] with those obtaining else[illegible] there is no reason whatever [illegible] appliances and machin-

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When our soldier boys come home [illegible] from
Afric's bloody war,
We'll give them such a we[illegible] the very
heavens we'll jar;
A tear may quiver in each [illegible] in
each eye
For those who now sle[illegible] neath
Afric's sunny sky.

Refrain
[illegible] that a rousing, loyal [illegible] we will give
our soldier boys,
Who spilt their blood [illegible] far
from Canadian [illegible]
They spilt their blood [illegible] which
British hearts love [illegible]
We'll now embalm [illegible] with
affection's [illegible]

They did their duty brave[illegible] and [illegible]
Queen;
We'll sing their fame in [illegible] to keep
their memories gre[illegible]
While the Lion guard[illegible] and Union
Jack still wave,
[illegible] will be the [illegible] sleep
our soldiers brav[illegible]

[illegible] Canada with ope[illegible] to them
that [illegible]
Be filling all positions [illegible] honor
gained;
And who's more de[illegible] the [illegible]
country,
Than those who fight [illegible]
[illegible] free.

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Limpy Leggett—Ah! Can it be? It [illegible]

Mrs. Vera Plane—What is the matter, my poor man? Are you ill?

Limpy—It is the lovely vision I saw in my dream! The angel face of my benefactress shines down upon me! You gave me food with those snowy hands in that precious dream, you know!

Mrs. Plane—Well, I'm very sorry, but all I have in the house is a cold potato.

Limpy—A cold potato! Heavens! Well, madam, I will be generous with you. The vision of my dream can stand. Bring on your cold potato.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Now that congress is in session the noble fraternity of outside jawsmiths should sit still and profit by a study of past grand masters in their art.—St. Louis Republic.

The humor and joking which congressmen inject into debates on serious subjects remind one of the jokes brought to the editor by the sleazy, sad faced man who said: "I wish you would pick out any of these jokes you can use. I was working on them all night, and I need the [illegible] to buy my poor wife"—[illegible]

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BUILDING OPERATIONS.

Present indications would point to an active building season, during the coming summer. The style of the houses built last year was a great improvement over that of previous years and we believe those to be erected this year will also be of better design.

In this connection we may point out that the use of brick in the erection of dwellings is becoming more popular. This may be accounted for by the fact that the use of brick gives a more substantial appearance to a house, while the cost is but very little more, in fact those who have taken the trouble to figure the matter out claim that a house with brick walls is cheaper than a house constructed entirely of wood. The extra cost of painting a frame house every three or four years soon eats up the difference in the cost of construction. A few brick houses scattered through our residential streets will relieve the monotony of the all frame structures, and give an air of permanence.

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MINING COMPANY RESERVES

The question what proportion of the earnings of a mining corporation should be held in reserve for expenses, regular and contingent, says the Denver Republican, is one that will always be of interest to the stockholders, who their position that the directors have no more right to retain so large a sum in their possession than the cashier of a grocery would have to keep the day's receipts from his employer. In this case there are no unforeseen contingencies to be provided against. The mine is known to be in bonanza in the ninth, tenth and eleventh levels, and as dividends are payable quarterly, the current expenses for one month are all that it is necessary to provide for. The mine employs about the same number of men as the Home company, and has the advantage of years of development. It is reasonable to presume that the working of the mine has been on proper lines and development kept in advance of production, and in view of all this the stockholders seem to have the right to demand a reasonable explanation.

The two cases cited illustrate the difference that may exist in the management of enterprises of the same character.

IN THE MINORITY.

The Ross Ministry Defeated on a Resolution Introduced by Mr. German.

The sensation of the session of the Ontario House yesterday was the adverse vote sustained by the Ross ministry on the resolution moved by Mr. German, of Welland, for a select committee to inquire into the claim of the Scott family for fines alleged to have been wrongly imposed on the late W. A. Scott for illegal returns of pine and other timber in 18[illegible]. The attorney-general, on behalf of the government, refused to select a committee, and the motion was pressed.

The vote stood [illegible] to 30, and there were a dozen or more absentees.

Mr. Whitney asked the attorney-general if the government intended adjourning with a view to resigning, but Mr. Gibson thought not, the matter not being a government one.

This disaffection in the ranks of the government supporters on the Scott affair may spread to other matters and cause the ministry serious uneasiness and perhaps lead to an appeal to the electors.

Whitcfish Bay Line.

Capt. Fraser informed THE MINER that he has chartered the Lotta S. and will make a start Saturday night to see how far he can get through. If he can get far enough along he expects to start regular trips on Monday. He has three boats that he will run regularly this year, the Shamrock, Alma T. and Jenny Lind, and should be able to take care of the traffic which his line reaches.

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To the Editor of The Miner:

I noticed an article in THE MINER

RAT PORTAGE ROWING CLUB.

The general annual meeting of the Rat Portage Rowing Club will be held in the rowing club building on Friday, the 27th day of April, 1900, at 8 p. m. The election of officers for the ensuing year will take place. Persons desiring to join the club are cordially invited to be present at the meeting.

M. L. TOOLE.
Secretary.

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ROMAN FISH MANIACS.

Fortunes Were Lavished Upon the Finny Pets and Their Ponds.

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Hortensius, who had spent a mint of money on his salt water fish tanks at Baulos, was found out in buying all the fish for his table at Pozzuoli. He fed his fishes himself and was much more anxious lest they should be hungry "than I am lest my asses, which bring me in a good deal, want it." Varro scornfully remarks [illegible] of the place were em[illegible] small fish to give to the big [illegible] fish was provided when [illegible] or the boats to go [illegible] a [illegible] of [illegible]

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MINING COMPANY RESERVES

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There are two cases now attracting attention which illustrate the two sides of this dividend question. The Home Mining Company, of Leadville, has a big body of ore and a considerable sum of money in the treasury. Some of the stockholders, with a laudable desire to make a record for the company, besides the individual gratification afforded, are asking the directors to distribute $100,000, or 200 per cent. on the capital stock. The reply to this demand appears reasonable. It is claimed that while the company has opened an immense body of ore and has made handsome profits, the ore body has not yet been thoroughly exploited. It is, therefore, not actually determined whether or not the values are the same everywhere throughout the mass as in that part already opened. It is also said that it is the part of wisdom to provide for unforeseen contingencies; that it would be the height of folly to reduce the reserve fund to such a point that it might become necessary to borrow money for carrying on the work, and that there is always a considerable amount of money in the hands of the smelters pending settlements. It seems probable that at least $50,000 will be divided and certainly the stockholders should be content to receive back their original investment in a year and a half from the organization of the company, with the certainty of future profits. The success of the company should not be jeopardized by a cramped treasury, and the stockholders know that the management may be relied upon to give them all that is their due.

The other case is that of the Isabella Mining Company. When the last dividend of $67,500 was declared a shipment of ore was ready which has since yielded $200,000, and the company reported $171,000 in the treasury. The stockholders seem to be correct in

line reaches.

THE Peoples Forum

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To the Editor of the Miner:

I noticed an article in THE MINER of the 6th inst., headed "We Want a Park." Now, we who reside in the vicinity of this park swamp alluded to in the above mentioned article have often exchanged thoughts concerning this sink hole, which, by the way, is situated almost in the centre of the town, and wondered whether there existed a chance of this muskeg ever being converted into a real park, and have as often wished that someone would jog the memory of the town council in regard to the matter through the press that they might eventually, if nothing more, put a drain through it, and thereby show that they had at least a spark of respect for the people's health who live in close proximity thereto. As none of us who live hereabouts feel equal to writing the matter up I for one am glad that the ball has been started to roll, and hope that it will continue to roll until the town council takes the matter in hand and gives us a real nice park, one which the citizens will not be ashamed of because, as it now stands it is an eyesore, not only to those who pass by, more especially those who have arrived in town for the first time, who ask why is this place not cleaned up and built upon, and when they are told that it belongs to the town and is intended for a park, they reply, well you must have a dandy town and a dandy show.

Hoping that someone will continue this matter who can present it more ably, and thanking you for the space,

I am

One Who Lives Beside the Swamp.

Carpenters and Joiners.

Editor Rat Portage Miner:

Sir,—As there has been mention made lately of the Carpenters' union, it might not be out of place to make still further mention. The Carpenters' and Joiners' Union No. 255 was organized on September 19, 1898, and has been steadily increasing ever since, until today there are 40 enrolled members, 11 having been initiated since Feb. 20, and more applications in hand. The carpenters of this place are seemingly waking up to the fact that it is high time to unite as one in view of the low rate of wages that has been prevailing of late years caused partly by contractors coming in and cutting prices so low that in consequence wages have become low also. Therefore the carpenters of this place thought it best to set a minimum wage of 25 cents per hour for the coming summer for mutual protection. Hence the article which appeared in your columns lately, "Encourage Home Workmen."

D.A. HOGABOAM,
Rec. Secretary.

Born.

STACEY—At Rat Portage, on Saturday the 7th of April, the wife of Rev. Mr. Stacey, of a son.

HUGHEY—At Bagot, Man., on April 14, the wife of R. J. Hughey of a daughter.

more anxious about his sick fishes than about his sick slaves, but the story of the Roman "who fattened his lampreys on his slaves" belongs to after times. Like other stories which are told for the benefit of youth, it lacks exactitude. This seems to have been the truth: A millionaire freedman of the name of Pollio Vedius was entertaining Augustus at supper when a slave broke a crystal goblet. Pollio, enraged, ordered him to be thrown to the fishes. The slave appealed to the emperor, who asked his host to pardon him, but Pollio refused. Augustus then pardoned the man himself and had all of Pollio's crystal goblets broken and the fish pond filled up.—Contemporary Review.

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JUDICIAL SALE of Mining Property in the District of Rainy River.

PURSUANT to an order of the High Court of Justice in an action of McKenzie vs. American Canadian Gold Mining Company and George Henry Hillyer and McCormick vs. The American Canadian Gold Mining Company et al, there will be offered for sale with the approbation of Thomas W. Chapple, Esquire, Local Master, at Rat Portage, by Mr. Howard Barnes, Auctioneer, at the Russell House, in the Town of Rat Portage, at 12 o'clock noon, on Saturday, the 2nd day of June, 1900, all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate lying and being in the Seine River Mining District, registered as parcel 100 in the Land Titles Office at Rat Portage otherwise known as the "Alice A" Mine. The property has been developed to a considerable extent. Reports in regard to the development of this location may be found in the Reports of the Bureau of Mines 1898 at page 129, and in the report of the Bureau of Mines 1899 at pages 46 and 81.

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Baseball Game.

Friday afternoon the old members of the hockey team assisted by a few good players defeated a small aggregation of baseball players at the great American game. A large crowd was on the field to see the game, and the cheers were audible at times. As it was late when the game commenced it was decided to play but five innings. The two teams were made up as follows: Hockey boys, Coghlan Thompson, c. and p.; Perrault, Emmons p. and 1 b; Dulmage c; Bryans, Wood, Johnson, Frazer. The other team consisted of Holmes c, McLennan p. Harvey 1 b, Pender, Clark, Francis, [illegible], Burnell, Doran. Considering that this was the first of the season, and that there had been no practice, very good ball was played, and it is evident that there is plenty of material for snappy baseball in our own town of Rat Portage. This first game [illegible] great deal of interest and [illegible] chances are that the game will [illegible] indulged in during the season.

Beaver Baseball Club.

Friday afternoon the Beaver Baseball club was organized and the following were elected officers for the season:

President—G. W. Smith.
Vice president—A. B. McClelland.
Sec.-treas.—F. A. Bowman.
Committee—Mr. B. Francis, J. B. Holmes, J. A. McKay, W. D. Pender.

Mr. Smith kindly presented the club with a mask, bats, ball, etc., and a [illegible] has been ordered. Tickets are being printed and the members

and we have great anticipations as to the success of the play. The chances are that the proceeds of this play will net a neat sum for the Patriotic fund. It will at least give a chance to Rat Portagers to see a good play well rendered.

Mr. Wright Watched.

Last night at a regular meeting of Gold Hill Lodge, No. 201, I.O.O.F., Mr. Harry Wright was presented with a gold watch by the members of the lodge as a small token of the appreciation of the time spent and sacrifices made by him during the past twenty years. A large number of members were present, and refreshments were served. Dr. Schnarr made the presentation speech. The watch is a handsome one, suitably engraved with the monogram of the recipient on the case and an appropriate inscription inside

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH.

The Special Easter Services on Sunday Last.

The special Easter services at St. Alban's church on Sunday last were of an unusually attractive character. Rev. D. W. Pickett conducted the beautiful service set apart for Easter, and delivered two excellent addresses, which were commemorative of the events which transpired nearly 19 centuries ago. The evening address was highly instructive and edifying. The musical part of the service was perhaps the most beautiful ever heard in Rat Portage. The choir, under the leadership of C. H. Carpenter, rendered the different pieces in beautiful form. The anthem for the evening service entitled "They Have Taken Away My Lord," by Stayner, was a glory of sound, and many expressions of delight were made after the service. Mrs. Godwin took the solo and she was never heard to better advantage than in this beautiful anthem.

During the offertory Mrs. Godwin also sang "Hosanna" beautifully.

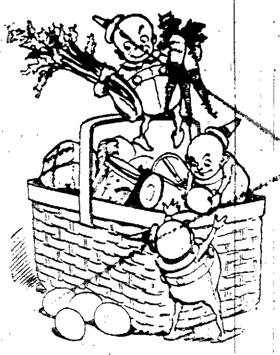
At the morning service the special number was the "Te Deum," by Hopkins. The anthem was "The Strife is O'er," by Marchand. "Jesu, Word of God Incarnate," by Gounod, was given during the offertory.

The communion table was a mass of color, being covered with flowers. On either side of the reading desk great masses of soft white Easter lilies were seen lifting their heads in their beauty as though they too wished to give thanks for the risen Lord.

July Weather.

The unusually warm weather during the past couple of weeks has cleared the bay of ice. The Keen[illegible] has taken several trips around the bay, and the management of the Rainy River Navigation Co. expects to be able in a day or two to announce the first trip of their boats to Fort Frances.

Capt. Lewis is also about ready to put the Maple Leaf on the route. The different boats to the mines in the district are about ready to start their regular trips, in fact everything will be in regular summer shape by the middle of the week. This is the earliest opening of navigation on record, and sees the close of the shortest winter ever experienced here. The prospecting season has already commenced



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The following High School report is based on the recent Easter examinations. Names are in order of merit. The names of the three pupils obtaining the highest marks in each subject appear. In general standing the names of all are given except those obtaining less than 50 per cent. of the total marks:

Form [illegible]

G[illegible] V[illegible] A. Duncan, H. Clark[illegible]

[illegible] W[illegible] A. Duncan, H. [illegible]

[illegible] W. H[illegible] A. Duncan, H. Clark

Geom[illegible] [illegible] A. Duncan, K. McQue[illegible]

[illegible] L. Walls, H. [illegible]

A[illegible] H[illegible] A. Duncan, L. Wall[illegible] H. C[illegible]

Mathematics—[illegible] W[illegible] A. Duncan, A. Weidman.

Chem[illegible]—H. Clark, A. Weidman, [illegible] W[illegible]

FORM III

General—E. Yates, W. Baker, F. Steward, A. Gilmour.

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English Composition—F. Steward; E. Yates and A. Gilmour eq; W. Baker.

looking after the menu. During the past winter on one or two occasions he was called on to cater for other national societies, and he did it in a manner never surpassed in the west. But on this occasion we have no doubt, his own pet society will have at its service all the ability and resourse he possesses.

Manitou Portage.

There are 35 men employed on the portage between Lake Minnehaha and Wabigoon lake. The portage is seven miles long and quite a little money has been expended on it. The present sum of $3,500 granted by the government will be sufficient to put corduroy in all parts of the road not now so fixed and will put the road in excellent shape. Mr. Tynen will operate a stage line across the portage. It is expected that when the work now under way is completed the road will be so good that bicycles may cross it without difficulty. This will be good news, to all parties operating in the Manitou lake district.

Buried at St. Thomas.

At the request of his parents the remains of the late William Mailing were sent to St. Thomas, Ont., his former home, for burial. Messrs. Chas. Brent and A. M. Rose accompanied the body and attended the funeral at St. Thomas on Wednesday last.

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[illegible] was organized and the following were elected officers for the [illegible]

[illegible] G. W. Smith.
[illegible] president—A. B. McClelland.
[illegible] E. A. Bowman.
[illegible] M. B. Francis, J. B. [illegible], J. A. McKay, W. D. Pender.

Mr. Smith kindly presented the club with a mask, bats, ball, etc., and a catcher's mitt has been ordered. Tickets are being printed and the membership fee fixed at $1. All members [illegible] as often as the weather will permit. It is the intention to make arrangements to join the league.

Baeeball.

The Beaver Baseball Club is getting [illegible] work in first-class shape. The boys were out in force last night, and had a [illegible] hot practice game. Some of the younger boys are beginning to show their ability, and if they practice hard and keep their heads will have no [illegible] in making the team. Captain Harvey is working hard to get the team into shape, and will try to [illegible] a go with some outside team.

Gospel Meetings.

The gospel meetings at the old Presbyterian church every evening are [illegible] in progress with fair attendance and interest. They will continue over next Sunday, perhaps longer. The [illegible] up to Sunday night are as [illegible]: Friday, The Great White [illegible]; Saturday, With Christ or [illegible] Him; Sunday morning, Personal Religion; Sunday evening, The [illegible] and Plea of the Disciples [illegible].

A [illegible] invitation is given to all to [illegible] these meetings.

Sutherland-Wolfram.

[illegible] evening in Keewatin at [illegible] of Jas. Maxwell, Angus [illegible] and Miss Wolfram were [illegible] the holy bonds of matrimony [illegible] Small. Hector Sutherland [illegible] and Miss Sadie Wolfram [illegible]. Both Mr. and [illegible] are well known in [illegible] vicinity and all their [illegible] in wishing them [illegible].

Engaged.

The [illegible] of the Opera [illegible] that the play "[illegible]" given by local talent [illegible] Patriotic fund will be [illegible] boards May [illegible]. The names [illegible] those taking part are a guarantee [illegible] that the play will be exceptionally [illegible] rendered. Following is a list [illegible] taking part: Messrs. Dean, [illegible], Palmer and Weir, Mesdames [illegible] and Godwin and Misses [illegible] and Livingstone. There will [illegible] a large crowd pre[illegible]

WALLPAPER WALLPAPER

[illegible] work has begun in [illegible]. Call in and examine [illegible] Wall Papers and get [illegible]. It will pay you.

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Capt. Lewis is also about ready to put the Maple Leaf on the route. The different boats to the mines in the district are about ready to start their regular trips, in fact everything will be in regular summer shape by the middle of the week. This is the earliest opening of navigation on record, and sees the close of the shortest winter ever experienced here. The prospecting season has already commenced and a number of prospectors will start out next week.

A Correction.

The furniture and undertaking business of Rideout & Turner has been and is not now connected with any other firm.

People look round at a nice head of hair on the street, so rare has that beautiful ornament become in the present day. Why is this? It certainly is not the fault of LUBY'S Parisian Hair Renewer, which is an almost infallible remedy against premature [illegible]. Only 50 cents a bottle.

Mr. A. Chesterton, form[illegible] Ottawa bank, has return[illegible] and has opened up in the [illegible] brokerage business. He will [illegible] some insurance companies and [illegible] real estate. His office [illegible] block, Main street, opp. [illegible] the [illegible] office.

[illegible] fire department [illegible] uncontrollable spreading [illegible] which the council [illegible] Chief Ni[illegible] [illegible] his [illegible].

[illegible] Gold Rock [illegible] with [illegible] all.

[illegible] Portage is not so far north as [illegible] people think. The temperature [illegible], as recorded by a spirit thermometer, is 70 in the shade.

It is reported that the members of the congregation of the Presbyterian church were much pleased with the evening song service for Easter Sunday as given by the choir under the leadership of Mr. Sutherland.

The Presbyterian choir is working on the sacred oratorio "Ruth," which will be presented shortly. They will be assisted by friends from other choirs.

Phillip McR[illegible] left last Friday for Winnipeg where he will attend business college.

The work around the new station is rapidly being brought to a finish. The old station has been moved down the line and a new track is being built to the new station, which is an ornament to the town.

To Advertisers

It is absolutely necessary in order to insure insertion that all changes for advertisements for THE MINER should be in the office by Thursday at noon. It is impossible for us to crowd two days' work into half a day, and do justice to the work. Advertisers will, therefore, kindly see that they have their changes in by Thursday noon.

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French—W. Baker, E. Yates, E. Steward.

German—E. Yates, W. Baker, E. Steward.

Ancient History—E. Yates, E. Steward, W. Baker.

Mathematics—W. Baker, E. Yates, E. Steward.

Chemistry—W. Baker, E. Yates, E. Steward.

FORM II.

General—H. Stacey, D. Campbell, S. Scovil, W. Chapple, C. Bunn, A. Drysdale, E. Southworth, F. Mather, W. Mather, H. Woods, G. McMurdie, E. Mitchell, L. Phillips.

English Grammar—Rhetoric—H. Stacey, S. Scovil; D. Campbell and C. Bunn eq.

English Literature—E. Pope; D. Campbell and W. Chapple eq; G. Mitchell.

English Composition—E. Pope, H. Stacey, A. Drysdale.

English History—A. Gilmore, H. Stacey, D. Campbell.

Latin—S. Scovil, D. Campbell, W. Chapple.

French—W. Chapple, D. Campbell, H. Stacey.

Mathematics—H. Stacey, E. Southworth, W. Chapple.

Physics—H. Stacey and S. Scovil and D. Campbell eq; C. Bunn, H. Woods.

FORM I.

General—R. Weidman, F. Harold, N. Stacey, A. Chaloner, F. Ap'John, G. Stevens, M. Scott, G. Campbell, S. Davies, E. Pease, J. Sullivan, R. Beaudro, G. Belyea, C. Parsons, F. Marshall, E. Griffis, E. Bates, E. Cameron, A. Nicholson.

English Literature—N. Stacey and F. Harold eq; J. Sullivan, M. Scott.

English Grammar—M. Scott, R. Weidman, F. Harold.

English Composition—F. Ap'John, G. Stevens, T. Davies.

English History—G. Stevens; F. Harold and F. Ap'John eq; E. Pease and A. Chaloner eq.

Geography—R. Weidman, F. Ap'John, A. Chaloner.

Latin—H. Stacey; N. Stacey and F. Harold eq; R. Weidman.

Drawing—R. Weidman, C. Parsons, R. Beaudro.

Bookkeeping—N. Stacey and F. Harold eq; A. Chaloner and T. Ap'John eq; R. Weidman and L. Davies eq.

Mathematics—R. Weidman, N. Stacey, F. Harold.

The following pupils of Form I have been promoted to Form II: R. Weidman, F. Harold, N. Stacey, A. Chaloner, F. Ap'John, G. Stevens, M. Scott.

St George's Society.

The banquet to be given in the Hilliard House on Monday evening next, by the St. George's Society promises to be the leading event of the year. The committee is hard at work arranging details. Invitations have been issued to a number of the leading spirits of the town and the toast list will be completed with the names of those who have something to say and know how to say it. Manager Crierie, of the Hilliard, is an Englishman, and is

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THE HIDDEN PAGE.

She stooped and on her sister's grave
  Laid blossoms white as snow;
Then lifting up a fair young face,
  With happiness aglow,
She softly said, "How much I grieve
  Because you never knew
The blessedness of being loved
  By one so good and true."
She kissed the jewel on her hand,
  She felt that life was sweet,
And shed a pitying tear for her
  Who slumbered at her feet.

A breeze came up from life's great sea,
  The angel of the book
Saw it turn some pages up,
  And, as with rapid look,
He pressed them to their place to wait
  Their proper hour and day,
He could but read a word or line
  Which on the margin lay.
Then, looking on the head that bent
  Above the cross and wreath,
He whispered that the favored one
  Was she who slept beneath.

—Detroit Free Press.

AN ACCIDENT TO FONSONBY

A Story of A War Correspondent.

It was hot, villainously hot. So was the firing. So were transport mules, Chinese stretcher coolies, advancing troops and the poor bleeding wretches who were being put into the ambulances. So was all the available water. So were the little knot of correspondents who drummed their heels on the sides of a stack of biscuit boxes on the side of the railway embankment and anathematized the war editors in general and the press censor in particular. But the very hottest thing of all was Ponsonby. And Ponsonby, the usually calm and urbane Ponsonby, the well tried representative of The Daily Gadfly, was now swearing like a trooper, or, for the matter of that, like a thousand troopers. Had he not lost his pony and smashed his camera? Had not a staff officer ordered him, "Fifteen paces behind the staff if you please, gentlemen?" And had he not fallen headlong into a buffalo wallow, thereby befouling his usually neat attire and twisting his ankle?

Around us was nothing but smoke and dust through which the midday sun glowed in a crimson ball. A few hundred yards to the northward on either side of the line of railroad lay a long line of blue and brown clad humanity, from which came a rattling sound as though millions of crackers were being ignited in one continuous stream. Cutting the dust laden air with sobbing screams, the bullets of the foe came flying overhead, occasionally alighting on the brown sun baked ground with dull thuds or clanging loudly on the iron roof of the station in whose rear we were, dust begrimed and smoke stained, taking shelter. A queer looking trio we, booted and spurred, belted and revolvered. And the worst of it was we had none of us broken our fast that day. As Agden of The San Francisco Screamer remarked, "While we are waiting here

from which descends a flight of steps. Taking a candle from some lying scattered about the door, she lights it and proceeds to descend. Round and round we wind, and there at the bottom, his head bound in a blood stained bandage, is Ponsonby, evidently very seriously hurt, looking deathly pale but now peacefully sleeping.

To say that we were thunderstruck would be to put it faintly. As neither Agden nor myself can speak Spanish or Tagalog, we cannot ask the lady, for a lady she evidently is, judging by her manner, her dress and jewels. She sat on some pieces of wood, her face resting on her hands, occasionally giving vent to a sob. How the weary hours passed that night with Agden and myself attending on our injured friend I could hardly tell. At length came the dawn, and I went off in search of a surgeon, after having assisted Agden to get Ponsonby up the steps leading from the crypt into the church. A doctor was soon found and came with all speed with me to the church. His diagnosis was to the effect that Ponsonby must have discovered the staircase by some accident, had fallen down it in the darkness and injured his head. It was impossible to say how severe such injury might be, and though he had every hope of a rapid recovery, he would not try to give us any false impressions. An ambulance was soon on the spot, our wounded friend placed inside and we started for town, Agden having kindly volunteered to do my work in the field during my brief absence. The journey to town was speedily accomplished, and I left Ponsonby in the hands of the good sisters of the San Juan de Dios hospital. Meanwhile I had completely forgotten the senorita, and it was not until I met Agden at Malolos some three days after that I gave her a thought. Then I learned that she had vanished as mysteriously as she had appeared.

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Meanwhile the campaign went on. Weeks passed. The insurgents were day by day being driven back. Ponsonby had got out of the hospital and was recuperating in town, and as the rainy season was in full swing and nothing of importance was taking place in the country Agden and myself were also "resting." We were one evening sitting on the hotel veranda when Ponsonby walked up. After a few words of greeting he said: "Well, boys, I'm sorry to leave you, but am off tomorrow. My wife joins me in [illegible]. [illegible] Calcutta and thence by P. and O. home."

"Your wife?" Agden and myself exclaimed simultaneously.

"Yes, my wife."

"But we didn't know you were married."

"No, I don't suppose you did. But you remember the lady who found me in the church at Malolos?"

"Well, I'm hanged!" It was Agden who spoke. I was practically dumfounded and stood staring at Ponsonby with all my eyes. Then I managed to blurt out:

"But how did she get into town?"

"I really couldn't tell you. But she came and saw me in the hospital

The Mystery of a Keg.

Away in the west, 'fore you come to the prairies,
Is a beautiful lake—fit resort for the fairies,
With islands 'tis dotted, full of odd nooks and channels,
Where the fishermen jackfish and mascinonge trammell,
Canoes, row, sail, steamboats, dart hither and thither
With a whistle, or hail, as they pass by each other.

The people relieved from the bustle and noise
Of cities, come here for their holiday joys,
And many prospecting for valuable metals,
Or timber, cruise about, some go farther and settle
On the rich farming lands, to the south of the lake
Where a beautiful river flows gently, or breaks—
Where swift running waters rush through sinuous bends,
And mounds prehistoric, an interest lends.

Village and farm dot the banks of the stream,
And forests primeval make background of green;
The wild flowers' perfume to the senses is borne
On the shore wind that comes with a sigh or a moan,
Or playfully ripples the river's broad breast
As it moves on its course from the east to the west.

At the easternmost end of this beautiful river
Lies a town, quiet, peaceful, whose people are ever
Hospitable, kind, always gladly they welcome
A stranger; and give him the best in the home,
For the long winter season, this happened before
The railroad was built, they'd lay in a store
Of provisions, etc., to last till the springtime
Came round, and ice went with its warm rains and sunshine.

A merchant, whose name I prefer not to mention,
Went to Portage la Rat for the winter's supply,
Flour, bacon, tea, sugar, and goods that were dry
Also w[illegible] and sealed, in a ten-gallon keg
For [illegible] contents I would beg
To state was [illegible] clerk's manifest
Said, "Brigh[illegible] to be [illegible]
there[illegible]

[illegible]

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Effect of Education.

"What were all you people laughing at just now?" he whispered to the lady who sat next to him.

"Dear me!" she exclaimed. "Didn't you hear what that gentleman who is seated next to the hostess said?"

"Yes," he replied.

"Well," she answered, "that is Mr. Plun[illegible], the celebrated wit and raconteur."

"Pshaw! I wish I had known it. I've been dying for a good laugh."—Chicago Times-Herald.

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A Good Dinner

sun baked ground with dull thuds or clanging loudly on the iron roof of the station in whose rear we were, dust begrimed and smoke stained, taking shelter. A queer-looking trio we, booted and spurred, belted and revolvered. And the worst of it was we had none of us broken our fast that day. As Agden of The San Francisco Screamer remarked, "While we are waiting here we might as well investigate the hard tack anyhow."

To this proposition I assented. A big stone and a jackknife soon had a case opened and our teeth busy, and when I unearthed a tin of sardines from my hip pocket even Ponsenby forgot to swear further. While thus engaged the firing ceased, there were a couple of bugle calls, a series of "yells" from the American troops as they rose from their rice ridge shelters and dashed forward in pursuit of the fleeing foe. Speedily we were following in their wake, pausing only now or then to look at a wounded man being borne rearward on a stretcher. The advance line is soon overtaken. They have lost all sight of the fleet footed Filipinos and are now resting and awaiting a well earned meal. Our notes are soon jotted down, and we proceed to investigate a neighboring hamlet which, after firing, the insurgents have vacated.

"Looks like hot work here," said Agden, pointing to the church, from which a shell had gently removed a corner.

We acquiesce and proceed to investigate the interior. After leaving the church we enter the adjacent priest's quarters and, finding them comfortable, proceed to camp there for the night. Your humble servant is installed as chef, while Agden and Ponsenby sally forth to annex a chicken or anything edible which comes [illegible] By this time a number of the [illegible] troops have entered the [illegible] and are looking about the place, taking sections of nipa with which to make camping "shacks," collecti[illegible] seeking water, eggs, etc. [illegible] Agden returns, but no P[illegible] [illegible] dark, but the village i[illegible] the light of one or two b[illegible] [illegible] We ramble [illegible] [illegible] ing inquiries [illegible] our friend. A [illegible] seeing him further tonight [illegible] to turn up all right [illegible] a [illegible] ant little meal we [illegible]

I must have been asleep [illegible] something disturbed me. W[illegible] earth is that? There, [illegible] at [illegible] foot of my bed, is a yo[illegible] [illegible] Naturally I s[illegible] to my [illegible] awaking A[illegible] as I do. The mysterious [illegible] [illegible] in Spanish. W[illegible] Agden nor myself [illegible] apprehended, but how on earth d[illegible] "here" The insurgents have ca[illegible] off all their women w[illegible] how our present visitor can have [illegible] behind is a mystery. She [illegible] anxious about something, for see [illegible] she is beckoning.

After a brief con[illegible] as to what to do we follow the lady through the door and into the church. She trips along the floor and goes right up to the altar, seizing some drapery at its side as she reaches it. There right in the thick wall of the church is a doorway

"No, I don't suppose [illegible] But you remember the lady who found me in the church at Mal[illegible]"

"Well, I'm hanged!" It was Agden who spoke. I was practically dumfounded and stood staring at Ponsonby with all my eyes. [illegible] I managed to blurt out:

"But how did she get [illegible] Iowa?"

"I really couldn't tell you. But she came and saw me in the hospital. How she ever found me in the church I don't know and have not yet mustered up sufficient Spanish to inquire."

We were sorry to lose Ponsonby, who was always a decent fellow. But Agden will have it that his [illegible] was affected by the fall into that curious crypt. And Agden is probably right, for, if not, why didn't Ponsonby invite us to his wedding?—Hongkong Telegraph.

The Sense of Taste.

That the intensity of one sense is increased by the action of other senses is a fact which is well illustrated by the sense of taste. A cold coin feels heavier than one that has been slightly warmed by being carried in the pocket, and what is true here of touch is just as true of taste. Warm vinegar, warm sugar, warm solutions of salt taste less sour, sweet or salty than when cold. If you put a slight solution of salt or quinine into a sugar solution of a certain sweetness, the sweetness will seem much greater. Cooks and confectioners are well aware of this, for they always add to sweet confections some bitter substance, just as the perfumers put into perfumes of all kinds at least a little musk.

The cook tries to "[illegible]" or "fill" the taste, as they say, just as the perfumer tries to do with the sense of smell, and as in acoustics the bass drum or bass viol forms a kind of background for the tone of coloring. On the other hand, if a mixture is made too sweet, without any contrasting elements, the quality of sweetness is lost, something like Milton's "darkness from excess of light." The effect of cold in [illegible] the intensity of sweetness is [illegible] known to any one who has manufactured ice cream at home. If you [illegible] make the cream a little too sweet before freezing it will not be [illegible] at the freezing proc[illegible]

A Coward.

[illegible] the wife of Herr H[illegible] was [illegible] put it mildly—a[illegible] and held Hingstermeier an ab[illegible]

[illegible] returned to the fami[illegible] in a state of [illegible] feel that he [illegible] postpone an interview with his better half until his condition [illegible] off. He therefore concluded not to sleep in the family quarters.

The next morning his wife called him to account, and he explained that he had been having a little jollification and did not wish to disturb her slumbers on his return.

"Where did you sleep?" she demanded.

"In the cage with the lions," he replied meekly.

"Coward!" hissed Mrs. Hingstermeier, with a look as of one robbed of her just dues.—Life.

But sat smoking and thinking, contentment complete.

The crew "smelt a rat," and on pure mischief bent,
Determined in some way to sample contents
Of the keg: they located exactly the place
Where it rested on floor, got a bit and a brace,
Bored through the deck, through the end of the keg,
Caught the bright golden liquor in pails it is said:
'Twas put into bottles, stowed carefully away,
To be used on occasions, and cold stormy days.

When the bright morning sun on horizon appeared,
The mists on the river soon vanished and cleared,
Showing trees, bare and gaunt, the fields frosted and bleak,
Indicating that winter, with ice, snow and sleet,
Would soon be along; 'twas with feelings content,
This man thought of his keg, and straightway went
To the wheel house, and smilingly paid "Lo" his dollar,
And lifting the package, a feeling of horror
Crept through his whole system, and lodged in his heart,
As the lightness of keg did the knowledge impart
That the keg had been broached, through no fault of the pilot;
Who had faithfully guarded and watched whilst he slept.
He threatened the owners, the captain and crew,
Talked "Latin and Greek," till the air it was blue.

'Twas never found out who the transgressors were,
Though 'twas strongly suspected the whole crew did share
In the "bright golden drop," as per ship's manifest,
But up to the present has ne'er been confessed.
The legend is old, and my only excuse
For telling it now, might some reader amuse,
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Never manifest whisky as "bright golden drop."

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[illegible]
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'Twell de winter wear de blossoms er de April en de May!

He de sweetes' li'l' feller, en dey say he gwine ter be
De image er his daddy, 'ez he ridin on his knee,
But his mammy say, she know
Ez she set en watch him grow,
He 'bleege ter look lak' she look, kaze she lovin er him so!

—Atlanta Constitution.

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Which rippled once with birch boat's wake,
Reflects the mountains bold.

Still o'er its outlet sway the trees
That hid the Hutter's ark.
Its surface yet each summer breeze
Plays o'er from dawn till dark.

The sleeping lion's couchant form,
Which looms up blue and dim,
Still waits a signal of alarm
To end his slumbers grim.

Point Judith, Hutter's point, Rat's cove,
And wave washed Council rock,
About which Cooper wove
His yarns of Chingachgook,

Each calls to mind some thrilling part
Of Leatherstocking tales—
Old tales that still will touch the heart
When today's story fails.

—Frank Farrington in New York Sun.

THE JOSSLYN REUNION

Showing How Desirable It Was to Be a Josslyn and Possess the Josslyn China.

BY HARRIET CARYL COX.

"Yes, I have heard of the reunion, but I can't say that I feel called upon to go," Elmira remarked as she let the printed slip fall into her lap. "I never felt very proud of the Josslyn blood anyway. Mother would stick it into my name, but I must say the folks I've seen bearing that name weren't anything very remarkable. And now there'll be a whole gang of them—a whole gang of Josslyns." She sniffed scornfully. "No, I really don't feel called upon to go to their old reunion," she repeated decisively.

"I don't suppose you do," Amelia agreed. "Of course there wouldn't be anybody you ever knew or would want to know. It ain't as if it were father's family."

Elmira reared her head proudly. "I should say not," she answered emphatically. "Why, there are governors and senators and lawyers and—and everything in grandfather's ancestors."

"They might have some among all the Josslyns," Amelia suggested; "perhaps just a senator or something in some branch of the family."

Elmira shook her head decisively. "Do you [illegible] Great aunt Sarah," she [illegible]d. "And Uncle Job and—and [illegible] tree?" This she spoke [illegible]

[illegible]

"[illegible] ever see such a lot of [illegible] in all your life as you used to see at the funerals and weddings? You felt as if you'd got to apologize to your [illegible] for them. Ancestors, indeed! You needn't try to tell me they ever [illegible] ancestors at all, any of them!"

She took up the paper and glanced it through again.

It is proposed to gather together all the genealogy [illegible] and traditions, to [illegible] from fact and finally [illegible] book in which shall be

through the long hall and ushered the man into the old fashioned dining room.

"You are very fortunate in having so much beautiful old furniture," their guest remarked. "In so many families it gets scattered, but you seem to have a mine of it here, and the china, if it is the china"—

He stopped. Elmira was fumbling at the doorknob. She entered proudly and walked across to the table where she deposited her burden. There were a pitcher, some cups and a platter, with a dull red pattern running over them.

"It is!" he cried exultingly.

"Of course!" Elmira assented carelessly. "I knew it as soon as the paper told about it and wanted to find the other pieces. There are more up stairs, but this is all I could bring at once."

There was some more conversation and a search in the family Bible, a[nd] the man departed.

Elmira saw him to the door; then she slammed it hard and fairly trod back to where her sister was waiting and dropped into the old rocker and began to rock violently to and fro.

"We are somebody," she announced triumphantly; "we are big somebodies, Amelia. We can be Daughters of the Revolution and Colonial Dames and Descendants of the Mayflower and—and!"— She was fairly out of breath.

"I'd cool off a little if I were you," her sister suggested. "Kind of slow up, can't you, Elmira, and tell me all about it? You know I couldn't go."

"Of course not, you poor dear!" Elmira leaned forward and [illegible]ed her tenderly. "But you're a Josslyn just the same, Amelia, and you've the looks more'n any one there. I always said you had, you know.

"There was a lot there, and at first I felt kind of queer. And you had to tell all you knew about your ancestors to a man, and he had a lot of papers and seemed to know everybody, and he said I was very straight descended—that means you, of course, the only you weren't there—and he was talking about me, and he introduced me to a woman and said something that I did not hear, but it made her extra nice to me, and she took me around and introduced me to most everybody, and [illegible] was as fine a looking set of folks as I ever see, even if I do say it, and they're relations.

"They've been having a dreadful [illegible] straightening out some records and trying to trace some pattern that was on some china that came over in the Mayflower and was used in England before that. A lot of the sons had had whole sets made like it, and it had got all scattered round, and when they came to describe it it came across me all of a sudden of that box of crockery up in the attic that grandfather gave us and we didn't ever use 'cause 'twas so old and cracked. So I up and told 'em about it."

"Right out afore everybody?" Amelia gasped.

"Of course! Wasn't I as much a Josslyn as any of 'em, even if my last name isn't Josslyn? My middle [illegible]

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[illegible] way [illegible] can reward me," [illegible] nothing about [illegible]."

"W[illegible]," said the as[tonished] [illegible] do you wish me [illegible]?"

"Be[cause] [illegible] the other fellows knew I'd p[illegible] they'd chuck me in!"—L[illegible] An[illegible]

Getting Up Socially

"She is [illegible] in the social [illegible]?"

"Yes?"

"Oh, yes, indeed! She is snubbed by a [illegible] of people each succeeding year."—Detroit Journal.

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[illegible] her sister [illegible] you." Amelia [illegible] it I find the [illegible] to be so [illegible]

[illegible] she reasoned as she passed

hat." A lot of the sons had [illegible] sets made like it, and it [illegible] scattered round, and when [illegible] of [illegible] came across [illegible] a section of that box of [illegible] that grandfather [illegible] wouldn't ever use 'cause [illegible] and cracked. So I up and [illegible] about it."

"Right out afore everybody?" [illegible] gasped.

"Of course! Wasn't I as [illegible] lyn as any of 'em, even if my [illegible] isn't Josslyn? My middle name [illegible] way, and a person's middle [illegible] just as much their own as [illegible]

"Well, they were [illegible] told 'em lots [illegible] seem to know; and [illegible] they did came.

"[illegible] didn't seem [illegible] leve we and the [illegible] him out to see for [illegible] ve Josslyns ain't in [illegible] the [illegible] himself." She [illegible] ously.

"That man is worth [illegible] to her sister [illegible] million dollars, and [illegible] and he hasn't lost [illegible] in with the Josslyn [illegible] that came to him [illegible]

[illegible] at the table [illegible] made up [illegible] clasped her [illegible] moved [illegible] the [illegible] with a [illegible] got off [illegible] gasped.

[illegible] said [illegible] use the [illegible] slow [illegible] silence [illegible] and some [illegible] you know [illegible]

A Bad Guess.

[illegible] of King [illegible] masters. [illegible] boys [illegible] them [illegible] boy [illegible] is a great [illegible] of [illegible] a lot of chestnuts and [illegible] was [illegible] to make use of [illegible] fire while pupil [illegible] going on.

[illegible] and out of the [illegible] and on [illegible] rather [illegible]

[illegible] kneeling over the [illegible] The boy's [illegible] lot of [illegible] Not [illegible] was one of the other boys [illegible] chestnuts from [illegible] came from [illegible] forward on tip [illegible] almost the [illegible]

"The [illegible] jumped up with a yell, his [illegible] Then the [illegible] was and said, embracing him:

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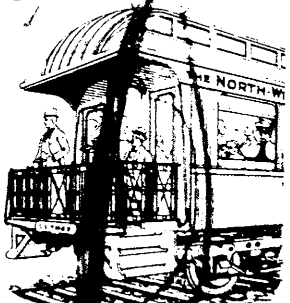

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TIME TABLE.

BETWEEN WINNIPEG

	Leave.	Arrive.
Morris, Emerson, Grand Forks, Fargo, St. Paul, Chicago and all points south, east and west, daily	1.45 p.m.	[illegible]
Morris, [illegible] and [illegible] Mon. Wed. Fri.	10.[illegible]	
Morris, Brandon, and intermediate points, Tues. Thurs. Sat.		[illegible]
Portage la Prairie, Mon. Wed. Fri.	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Leave Duluth		Arrive Duluth.
9:00 a.m.	Day Express, except Sunday St. Paul, Minneapolis Stillwater, Winona, LaCrosse, Chicago, Omaha and West.	[illegible]:45 p.m.
1:55 p.m	Fast Limited, daily—St. Paul, Minneapolis Stillwater, Milwaukee, Chicago St. Louis, Omaha, Denver, Kansas City east and west.	[illegible]:35 p.m
11:15 p.m	Night Express daily St. Paul Minneapolis, Stillwater, Winona Dubuque, Des Moines, points east and west.	6:30 a.m

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There is sound[illegible] Johnson's New Idea [illegible] will interest you. [illegible] 132.

Something nice [illegible] lock tea Fine Salt Wafers [illegible] Wafers. Wafer[illegible] packages, a real treat, [illegible] all has them.

C[illegible] & Baxter, [illegible] and decorators have opened [illegible] op on Fort Street opposite [illegible] Hall. Give [illegible]

Items of Local Interest

Mrs. John Kay h[illegible] recovered from her recent illne[illegible]

Rev. A. McKittrick, [illegible] Presbyterian missionary to [illegible] Indians, conducted the afternoon [illegible] in Knox church Sunday after[illegible]

Hall is my tailor[illegible]

advertised in THE MINER last week, with the result above. If you have a house or lot or anything for sale tell the people about it through THE MINER and a deal will be the outcome. Mr. Evans has another snap. See his advertisement in this issue.

Hall is [illegible]

The special services of Zion church were ended this week, and were much enjoyed by all who attended.

Dr. Price, of Dryden, broke his arm and sustained other injuries while attempting to board a moving train last week.

An effort is being made to reduce the grade of the hill leading up to the new bridge over the C.P.R. on Matheson St. It has been much improved and in a short time it will be possible for a team to draw a full load up. The gravel used is from the Fullerton lot.

Messrs. J. Dodds, Wm. Dixon, J. McBride received a bad shaking up through the collapse of a scaffold on which they were working at Norman on Tuesday last.

On account of the exceedingly dry weather a number of bush fires have occurred in the woods near the town. It is said that a number of boys have been setting [illegible] to the dead grass in different [illegible]. If this is so they should [illegible] severely dealt with.

Messrs. McKay & Holmes have opened [illegible] for their butter and egg bu[illegible] the building on Fort street a[illegible] the Fullerton block.

Window dressing is getting to be quite as much of an art in Rat Portage as it is in the larger cities. If you don't believe this statement walk around the business streets, use your eyes and become convinced.

The whistle of the ferry last week heralded the glad tidings that spring is here.

We would specially call attention to the notice of the meeting of the Rowing Club Friday evening, April 27, at 8 p.m., in the Rowing Club building, mentioned el[illegible] where in these columns.

Mr. Bonsell is building a new boat livery on the [illegible] at the foot of Hennepin Av[illegible]

The water commissioners are lowering the water mains on Water St., so as to [illegible] them below the range of frost.

The C.P.R. [illegible] as a great many immigrants p[illegible] through to the west just now.

You are Talked About

Chas. [illegible] of Toronto, was in [illegible] Saturday.

W. W. [illegible] of Guelph, Ont. [illegible] arrived Wednesday morning to [illegible] position [illegible] emporium.

A. St[illegible] of Montreal, [illegible]

R. J. Smith, of Winnipeg, district freight and passenger agent of the Great Northern railway company, was in town this week looking after business for his company.

W. S. Galbraith, of Winnipeg, western manager of Billing, Paul & Co., was in town this week.

E. G. Hall spent two days in Winnipeg this week.

Miss Gordon is recovering slowly from her severe illness.

H. Langford, crown attorney, has returned from his trip to Ottawa and other eastern points.

J. H. Grace arrived Saturday from Scotty island and will remain in town for the summer.

J. L. Archibald returned last week from the tie camps of D.L. Mather at Vermilion Bay.

Mr. Mansell, a step-brother of Jas. Tucker, arrived last Tuesday from Montreal.

J. W. Nunn, manager of the A. McDonald Co. at Rat Portage, leaves in the morning for Winnipeg where he takes another position.

O. Glenn, of Winnipeg, spent Sunday [illegible]

R. B. [illegible] week.

[illegible] Keewatin, visiting [illegible] here this [illegible]

[illegible]

Geo. J. P[illegible] manager of the B[illegible] and Trojan mines, left Monday for Duluth and other U. S. points on business connected with these properties. He states that the Bully Boy is looking very well and that the shaft is being put down as fast as possible. The Trojan is now in charge of Capt. D. Morrow, late of the Decca. A. B. Upton and some Duluth parties will return with Mr. Ross to pay a visit to the Bully Boy.

Mrs. Angus Sutherland was called east Wednesday night on account of the illness of a relative.

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We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 25c bottle of Dr. Wills' English Pills, if, after using three-fourths of contents of bottle, they do not relieve Constipation and Headache. We also warrant that four bottles will permanently cure the most obstinate case of Constipation. Satisfaction or no pay when Wills' English Pills are used. Johnson's Pharmacy, Rat Portage, Ont. J. E. Wood, Druggist, Rat Portage, Ont., J. Werner, Druggist, Rat Portage, Ont.

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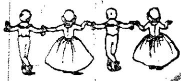

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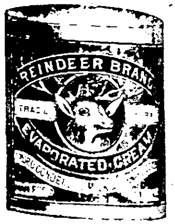

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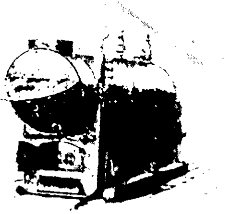

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Willie, the young ... of Wm. Wright, has been ... ill.

John McBrien ... been suffering from an attack of ... grippe, but is now on the road to ...

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Mrs. E. A. Stamper has purchased the property on Second St., belonging to Mr. G. Robinson of Fort William, two lots and house.

Hall is my tailor.

W. Mullin, of Br... Ont., arrived here on Monday last. He will take charge of the photograph gallery of Harry Wright, who leaves about the first of May for Cape Nome.

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The ladies of the W. M. S. of Zi... urch wish to convey ... their thanks ... who so kindly assisted with the concert and social on Tuesday night.

Mr. Geo. Evans, ... ate agent reports the sale of two houses this week, one on Ont... Ave. and one on Gold street. ... houses we...

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As our Clothing Department is at present we have not been able to do justice to the wants of our many customers, but in the new store we will be in a position to supply you with everything you may require in the line of Men's and Boys' Clothing, either Ready-to-wear, or made to order. We also carry a full assortment of Men's Furnishings, including White and Colored Shirts, Ties, Collars, Sox, Underwear, Hats, Caps, etc., and you will find our goods are always up-to-date and reasonable in price.

In the new store we expect to largely increase our Ordered Clothing trade, which has been greatly hampered for lack of room. Now is a good time to make your selection and leave your order for your Spring Suit. We have several cases of New Clothing which we have not been able to show you, but on Saturday these will be ready for your inspection in the New Store.

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